

that on the committee. I guess I am opposed...I am also different than Senator Hall, I think he wants to put it into the statewide lottery, I do not. I don't think it should be in the Constitution. I don't think it should be in the next bill that we have coming down the road, I think it's Senator Will's bill. I think we should...if we're going to have a statewide lottery, it should be a paper lottery or whatever it is but not the video lotteries. I also object, right now, to the lottery machines that's used for keno in Ralston. I think that we should...that should be the paper type rather than the machines right now and so I think was gone the other day when that came with, I think, an amendment by Senator Hall but I think I...if we can do something with another bill, I would be opposed to that. So I am opposed to putting this, Senator Smith's amendment, into the...into the Constitution. I am also opposed to the putting it into the next bill that follows.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The next speaker is Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I also rise in opposition to the Smith amendment to LR 24. I want to tell you a little about where...the process that we're going through here on the lottery. We have companion pieces of legislation here. LB 24 is an amendment to the Constitution that, as currently written as it came out of committee, simply allows the Legislature to establish a lottery and to approve the types of games that are engaged in under that lottery. Following LR 24 is LB 849, which is my priority bill, which is enabling legislation that would establish a lottery. And LB 849, right now, is very explicit in its prohibition of video gaming devices for the conduct of a lottery. I want to tell you my position is not inconsistent on these two issues at this time. I do oppose the imposition of video gaming on a state lottery level. However, I agree with Senator Hall in that I think that if we're amending the Constitution, we're best to have in there general provisions relating to the establishment of a lottery and not get into specifics about the types of games that are being played because five years from now or two years from now or 10 years from now we may...we may desire to implement a video lottery. We may be at the point where the state does want to have video gaming devices in order to offer different gaming opportunities, bring in more revenue, whatever. So while at the present time I do not support a video lottery, I would hate to foreclose that option for the future and, for that